"(c) The President, Hindu Religious Endowments Board, has been asked to enquire into the allegations.

"(d) The enquiry is still pending.

"(e) The President hopes to complete the enquiry by the end of December 1949. We have not yet received the communication from the President."

SRI L. SUBBARAMA REDDI :—" Has the order not yet been issued? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We have not yet received the report from the President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. As soon as it is received, the Government will take action."

Investment of special jurisdiction for the acquisition of lands for the Tungabhadra Project.

* 85 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 295 answered on 22nd April 1949 whether any, and if so, what action has been taken regarding investment of special jurisdiction under the Land Acquisition Act to the District Munsif of Hospet?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue) :—" The Government have since appointed, the District Munsif, Hospet, within the local limits of his jurisdiction, to perform the functions of the 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act. The question of undertaking legislation for amending the Land Acquisition Act so as to invest all District Munsifs with powers of a 'Court' under the Land Acquisition Act, is still under the consideration of the Government."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, will the Government consider the question as to which Court appeals should lie from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court in land acquisition cases? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" When the Act is amended, all these questions will be considered."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" But, then, to which Court should appeals be preferred from the decisions of the Hospet Munsif's Court, which will be functioning from now? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I should like to have notice, Sir."

Scheme for Cottage Industries.

* 86 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any plan for encouraging Cottage Industries, and if so, what it is ;

(b) whether any scheme is being worked out for the purpose ; and

(c) whether any Cottage Industries Expert has been appointed?